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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TUNA TALKS WITH MEXICO

REF: A. STATE 148717 B. SULLIVA-BUSBY TELECON JULY 16

1. IN VIEW OF MEXICAN DESIRE POSTPONE TALKS REPORTED
REF (B), AND CONTINUING AND COMPLICATED NATURE
OF PRIVATE LOS DISCUSSIONS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY WITH MEXICO,
ECUADOR, PERU, AND OTHER KEY COUNTRIES CONCERNING
REGIME FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, USDEL RECOMMENDS
THAT PROPOSED MARTIN/SCHANES VISIT TO MEXICO SHOULD BE
DEFERRED UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THE
CARACAS CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, USDEL SUGGESTS
THAT MARTIN JOIN US IN CARACAS AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY
IN NEGOTIATIONS TO PARTICIPATE ON THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM.

2. FYI. USDEL IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN PRIVATE ATTEMPT
TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR AGREEMENT ALONG LINES MENTIONED
PARA 2 REF (A), BUT TRENDS OF NEGOTIATION NOT YET CLEAR.
WE BELIEVE THAT OPENING OF SIMILAR TALKS ELSEWHERE AND ON
ANOTHER LEVEL WOULD LEAD TO CONFUSION, AND IN WORST
CASE COULD DAMAGE OUR EFFORTS HERE. WE WILL KEEP DEPT
ADVISED OF OUR PROGRESS IN THIS MATTER ON A CONTINUING
BASIS.
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